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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 28 TO 34 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, OF ONE MEMBER OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MR. THOMAS BUERGENTHAL (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) WHOSE TERM WAS TO EXPIRE ON 31 DECEMBER 2002

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In conformity with article 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant will be convened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters on Monday, 13 September 1999, for the purpose of filling one vacancy in the Human Rights Committee.

2. In a letter dated 26 May 1999, Mr. Thomas Buergenthal (United States of America) one of the members elected at the Eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Covenant, held on 10 September 1998, for a term that was to expire on 31 December 2002, submitted his resignation, effective 26 May 1999. In a letter dated 28 May 1999, the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee informed the Secretary-General accordingly.

3. Pursuant to article 33, paragraph 2, and article 34, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, the Secretary-General declared the seat of Mr. Thomas Buergenthal vacant from the date of his resignation and by note verbale of 5 July 1999 invited the States parties to submit nominations for the purpose of filling this vacancy for a term expiring on 31 December 2002.

4. The curriculum vitae of Mr. Louis Henkin, nominated by the United States of America, is contained in the annex to the present document.

Annex

LOUIS HENKIN

University Professor Emeritus and Special Service Professor, Columbia University

Chairman of the Directorate, Columbia University Center for the Study of Human Rights, 1987-; Co-Director, 1978-86

Director, Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School, 1998-

Member, Institute for War and Peace, Columbia University

Member of the Bar of the State of New York and of the Supreme Court of the United States

Other Professional Activities

Current memberships:

Board of Directors, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights

Board of Directors, Vice-President, Immigration and Refugee Services of America, 1990-

Board of Trustees, Cardozo Law School

Board of Editors, American Journal of International Law, 1967-; Co-Editor-in-Chief, 1978-1984

Board of Editors, Jerusalem Journal of International Relations, 1976-

Council on Foreign Relations

American Society of International Law, President, 1992-94; Vice-President, 1974-75, 1988-92, 1994-

International Law Association, American Branch, Vice-President (1973-)

American Society of Political and Legal Philosophy (President 1985-1987)

Board of Editors, Ocean Development and International Law Journal, 1973-

American Political Science Association

Academy of Political Science

International Association of Constitutional Law, (Vice-President 1982-1994)

Institut de droit international, 1985-

American Philosophical Society, 1986-

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1974-

Member, Advisory Panel on International Law, Department of State, 1967-1969, 1975-1980, 1993-

U.S. Association of Constitutional Law (Honorary President 1996-)

Previous Activities

President, U.S. Institute of Human Rights, 1970-1993

Advisory Board, ABA International Human Rights Trial Observer Project, 1987-1990

Chief Reporter, Restatement of the Law, Third, Foreign Relations Law of the United States, American Law Institute, 1979-1988

Adviser, United States Task Force and Delegation on the Law of the Sea, 1971-1980

United States Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration, 1963-1969

Board of Directors, Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, 1988-1995

Honours and awards

L.H.D. Yeshiva University, 1963

LL.D. Columbia University, 1995

J.D. (Hon.) Brooklyn Law School 1997

Guggenheim Fellow, 1979-1980

Columbia Law Alumni Medal of Excellence, 1982

Human Rights Award, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, 1995

Awards for Leadership in Human Rights, Columbia Human Rights Law Review, 1995

Hudson Medal, American Society of International Law, 1995

Outstanding Research Award, American Bar Foundation, 1997

Louis Henkin Chair in Human and Constitutional Rights, established at Columbia Law School in 1999

Chronology

Born 11 November 1917

A.B. Yeshiva College, 1937

LL.B., Harvard Law School, 1940

Law clerk to Judge Learned Hand, United States Court of Appeals, 1940-1941

Law clerk to Justice Felix Frankfurter, United States Supreme Court, 1946-1947

Consultant, United Nations Legal Department, 1947-1948

United States Department of State, 1945-1946, 1948-1957

Bureau of United Nations Affairs, 1948-1954

Bureau of European Affairs (European Regional Affairs) 1954-1957

Adviser to United States delegations to the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Adviser at the Geneva Conference on Korea, 1954

United States representative on United Nations Committee on Refugees and Stateless Persons, 1950

Associate Director, Legislative Drafting Research Fund and Associate of Council for Atomic Age Studies, Columbia University, 1956-1957

Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1957-1962

Professor, Columbia University, 1962-

Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy, 1963-1978

Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law, 1978-1979

University Professor, 1979-1988

University Professor Emeritus and Special Service Professor 1988-

Subjects of teaching, research and writing: Constitutional Law; International Law; Human Rights; Human Rights and Constitutional Rights; Constitutionalism; Constitutionalism in Comparative Perspective; Law and Diplomacy in International Relations; the Law of American Foreign Affairs; the Supreme Court of the United States; Problems in War and Peace; the Law of the Sea.